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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Walter C. Slater, et al

PHOTOFINISHING SYSTEM AND
METHOD INCORPORATING
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Serial No. US 09/494,011

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Examiner: Francis John Bartuska

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In response to the Examiner's Answer mailed November 4, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application without prejudice as follows.

In the Claims:

Please replace existing claims 15, 29 and 33 with the following
amended claims 15, 29 and 33. A marked-up version of the amended claims is
attached to the end of the response.

15. (Twice Amended) A photofinishing lab for producing digital
image products, the photofinishing lab comprising:

a plurality of image obtaining devices for obtaining digital images
from multiple customer orders;

a plurality of image output devices for providing digital image
products based on said obtained digital images, each of the obtained digital
images being associated with identification data;

a central processing unit which receives said obtained digital
images and the associated identification data, said central processing unit being